## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

CASE NO. 5:13-CV-00418-BO

GARIBALDI E. LONGO, ALLEN F. HESTER, CARL W. SWANSON, PATRICK PONTE and STEVEN L. WHITE, individually and on behalf all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs.

v.

TROJAN HORSE LTD.; GLEN BURNIE HAULING INC.; TROJAN HORSE LTD. 401(K) PLAN; BRIAN HICKS; SUSAN STUBBS; and SHERRY JONES (formerly Sherry Korb),

Defendants.

ORDER TO AMEND AND JOIN ADDITIONAL PARTIES

## **ORDER**

THIS MATTER is before the Court upon Plaintiff's motion pursuant to the provisions of Rules 15 and 20 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for leave to amend and to join as additional parties defendant Capitol Expressways, Inc. ("Capitol"), BDH Logistics, LLC ("BDH"), and Ascensus Trust Company ("Ascensus"). Plaintiffs commenced this action June 11, 2013, under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended [ERISA], 29 U.S.C. §§ 1001 et seq., as participants in the Trojan Horse, LTD 401(k) Plan ("Plan") to recover for themselves and Plan Participants similarly situated, employee contributions to the Plan that were deducted from their wages and never deposited into the Plan. [Doc 1]. Plaintiffs state they have learned in discovery and have presented documents revealing that Capitol and BDH were entities related to Defendants Trojan Horse, Ltd. and Glen Burnie Hauling, Inc., which, acting under the direction of Defendant Brian Hicks, were also Plan Sponsors and Plan Administrators with employees who

participated in the Plan and who likewise suffered loss of their contributions to the Plan. Plaintiffs

further state they have learned and have presented documents revealing that Ascensus, formerly

Frontier Trust Company, became the trustee for the Plan under a written Trust Agreement dated

June 1, 2011, on which they contend that Ascensus assumed obligations under ERISA with respect

to the delinquent plan contributions in issue.

Review of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint reveals that Plaintiffs' assert a right to

relief against Capitol, BDH, and Ascensus arising out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series

of transactions or occurrences as are alleged in the original complaint, and that questions of law or

fact common to all defendants, upon amendment, will arise in this action. Under Rule 15(a) of the

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure leave to amend is freely allowed when justice requires. Under

Rule 20, Courts have wide discretion to join claims, parties and remedies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that

1) Capitol, BDH, and Ascensus be hereby joined as parties defendant in this cause;

2) Plaintiff are hereby ordered and directed to file the First Amended Complaint

attached as Exhibit 3 to their motion, and the caption of the case is hereby amended to reflect their

joinder;

3) The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue summons to Capitol, BDH,

and Ascensus.

This \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2015.

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